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BUTTE RECEIVES USDA GRANT TO CONDUCT SEWER SYSTEM STUDY

Ainsworth, Neb., August 27, 2003--The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded this month, \$6,675 in predevelopment planning grant funds to the Village of Butte. The USDA monies leveraged with \$2,225 from the Village will enable the community to conduct a facility plan of their existing sewer system, which is presently not in compliance with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards.

"Butte is very appreciative of the USDA grant as it will help to bring our sewer system in compliance with DEQ regulations," stated Cindy Schroetlin, chairperson for Village of Butte.

The near \$9,000 facility plan will provide information required for a preliminary engineering report, assessing the community's present sewer system which has a Notice of Violation brought forth by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding the Village's two lagoons. Additionally, it will investigate the possible needs and improvements of the collection system. The costs of the new lagoons and improvements may meet the criteria for USDA Rural Development funding.

"USDA Rural Development's low interest loan and grant programs are fundamental in the preservation of small rural communities like Butte," stated Mary Gambill, community outreach specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development. "The programs work to maintain and strengthen the economic infrastructure of rural communities."

The USDA grant was provided through the USDA Rural Development Predevelopment Planning Grant program. For additional information contact Mary Gambill at 731 E. 4th Ainsworth, Neb. 69210 or phone (402) 387-2242, (402) 437-5093 (TDY). Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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